

New Battle Rocks U.S. Fund-Raising

Report Lazonon Ousted By Temple In Fight On Anti-Zionist Sermons

National Jewish Post
BALTIMORE, Md.—Local sources refused this week to confirm or deny a widespread report that Rabbi Morris Lazonon, a vice president of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, has been ousted as rabbi emeritus of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation for continued Council activity.

The story was first reported by the Yiddish DAY, which said Rabbi Lazonon's anti-Zionist sermons had caused widespread resentment in the congregation.

According to DAY, the board of directors last September asked Rabbi Lazonon not to continue his anti-Zionist sermons. He refused. On June 6, the board informed the anti-Zionist leader that his income as rabbi emeritus was to be reduced one-third, according to the DAY.

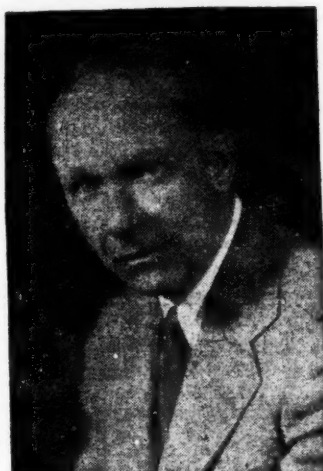
Calling the action "a Zionist gag on free speech," Rabbi Lazonon resigned, according to the reports.

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Milton J. Hass, president of the Hebrew Congregation, declined comment but other sources said it was generally understood that Rabbi Lazonon no longer was connected with the congregation.

Local sources confirmed that Rabbi Lazonon was asked by the board to submit texts of sermons on Zionism and the Council to the board in advance. Rabbi Lazonon rejected the request, charging attempted censorship.

He was with the Congregation



RABBI MORRIS LAZONON
Too Much Anti-Zionism?

31 years and had traveled widely on behalf of the Council.

The national office of the Council in New York claimed to know nothing of the reported ouster.

Rabbi Lazonon was in Blowing Rock, N. C. and efforts to reach him for a statement there produced no results up to press time.

MORGENTHAU SAYS HE WILL NOT TAKE PART IN 1950 UJA DRIVE

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—A smoldering long-time dispute between national agencies and local communities over fund-raising in the United States was rapidly approaching a climax this week.

The local communities, acting through the committee on stable and unified fund-raising of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, opened fire on current practices of the United Jewish Appeal and started making demands for a greater role in the 1950 UJA drive.

The current developments included these:

1. Henry Morgenthau has announced that he will not be part of the 1950 drive. Some sources say that Henry Montor has announced a similar decision.

2. The Committee on Stable and Unified National Fund Raising (CUNFR) has called a meeting of 17 national and overseas agencies to look into the spending of \$8,300,000 in 1948 for promotion and campaign expenses. That amount is exclusive of actual fund-raising expenses which are paid for by the local communities conducting their own drives.

3. The announcement of the 1950 UJA drive which was to have been made, the CUNFR was told last week, has been held up.

4. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reiterated its position asking for participation in the planning of the 1950 UJA, a request made before the 1949 drive, but which was ignored. The CJFWF position is that it be allowed to sit in on all negotiations for UJA drives even without right of vote. The national agencies hold the position that such an arrangement would give the balance of power to the CJFWF since the national agencies would turn to it as arbiter in all disputes.

5. The development of a bitter fight between the UJA and the Council of CJFWF over the matter of inclusion of capital building funds in local drives. The CJFWF contends that no national agency can tell a local community what it shall do and that the UJA has overstepped its bounds in criticizing the local communities on this score and even indicating that it would not permit such action.

Three Meetings

All of these developments center around three meetings held during the month of June.

At the first meeting Friday June 19, a subcommittee of the CUNFR met with representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the NRS.

Representing the CJFWF committee were Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, chairman; Isidore Sobeloff of Detroit; Bernard Kopkind of New Haven, Sidney Cahn of Indianapolis, and Herbert Ables, chairman of the subcommittee.

The JDC was represented by Edward M. M. Warburg, Harold Linder and Moses Leavitt. Judge Morris Rothenberg and Ellis Radinsky represented the UPA and Henry Montor represented the UJA.

The national agencies were asked about plans for the 1950 UJA, and what part they would permit the CJFWF to play in planning that drive. They were also asked their views on a na-



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JULIAN FREEMAN
Figures in Dispute

tional community sponsored fund raising machinery, a central Israeli fund, and the extension of the Large City Budgeting Conference (includes 30 largest cities in the CJFWF) to review overseas needs and programs.

The national agencies held that the CJFWF was attempting to gain power for itself, that there should be no interference with the national agencies in their negotiations for the division of the funds raised and generally charged the CJFWF with a desire to control the UJA. The national agencies also questioned the competence of the local communities to take part in matters of agency needs, etc.

The subcommittee of the CUNFR in making its report to the full committee two days later pointed out that the CJFWF should be ready to establish a community-sponsored national campaign machinery in the event the 1950

UJA is not reconstituted.

Other subcommittee recommendations, which were approved, proposed that campaign costs be lowered, that if there is to be a 190 drive, planning start immediately on such matters as the Jewish National Fund ceiling, inclusion or exclusion of agencies, policy making and similar matters.

The subcommittee asked that the 30 large cities of the CJFWF be covered prior to the UJA goal-setting national conference, to hear reports from the CJFWF Institute on Overseas Studies, and finally that the feasibility of a Central Israeli budget and fund be investigated.

UJA Hits Back

The United Jewish Appeal answer to the CUNFR report was to call a meeting last Friday. The meeting voted to issue a statement, which had not been made by the time The Post went to press, reiterating its stand in opposition to local capital fund drives. It was at this meeting that Morgenthau at least, if not Montor, announced that he would not head the 1950 UJA drive under any circumstance.

In its issue of May 16, the UJA Reporter declared that the UJA would not permit a community to conduct a campaign for capital funds without prior consultation with and specific permission from the UJA and that the UJA will insist on adequate safeguards that the community meet its "fair share" of responsibility to the UJA, regardless of whether local capital funds are included.

Freeman, whose committee will meet again this month, told The Post that the national agency has a right to tell a local community what it may or may not include in its campaign for funds for all purposes. He said it was the business of the local communities to decide what they want to do.

Urge More Civic Defense By U. S. Jewish Groups

ATLANTIC CITY — (JTA) — American Jews were this week urged to devote the larger part of their organizational activities to the field of civic protection by Samuel E. Krateak, grandmaster of British Sholom, Jewish fraternal organization, which is holding its 43rd annual convention here.

Reform Rabbis Assail Gambling To Raise Funds For Synagogues

National Jewish Post
(Other CCAR Convention Stories Inside)

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—The use of gambling to raise funds for synagogues was sharply condemned this week by the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

A resolution approved by the convention approved by the use of gambling devices to raise funds for Jewish religious and communal institutions as being contrary to our faith and traditions.

A specific case of such fund-raising was disclosed this week in Philadelphia, where gambling for such purposes was reported as widespread. (Details inside).

The convention also went on record as regretting "the celebrations by Jews of non-Jewish religious in their homes and in Jewish organizations and communal institutions."

Support Health Program

The convention also solidly backed President Truman's health program, in direct opposition to the stand taken by the American Medical Association.

Asserting that the vast majority of Americans were not receiving adequate medical care, the CCAR advocated compulsory national public health insurance.

The resolution was offered by a committee headed by Rabbi Julius Mark, senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El of New York.

The resolution said that to achieve the necessary medical care, "the Federal Government must assume a responsible role in the field of public health

Reform rabbis deplored "the use through a system of compulsory national insurance."

"It is our considered judgment that among the various proposals before Congress, President Truman's recommendations come closest to satisfying the needs of our country and are in keeping with the social ideals we cherish," the resolution declared. "We strongly urge their enactment into law."

CCAR Wires Appeal Against Theocracy

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON, Bretton Woods, N. H.—The 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis this week approved a proposal to inform Israeli leaders of the Reform rabbinate's opposition to any theocratic tendencies in the Jewish State.

The suggestion that such a message be transmitted to President Chaim Weismann and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was made by outgoing president Dr. Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn.

New York

DID YOU KNOW THAT ISRAEL HAS A THOUSAND JEWISH BEDOUINS?

By M. Z. FRANK

"ARE you from Rumania?" I asked the host as I looked at the floor. "I am from Czernowitz," he replied. "How did you know?" Our conversation was in Hebrew, and his accent did not show any marked Rumanian pronunciation.

"I can see by the rug on your floor," I said, "my wife is Rumanian born. We had a rug like that given to us by my in-laws. Now our daughter has it. You call it a 'kobritz' don't you?"

That is the way we introduced ourselves to each other—the head man of the Kfar B'nai Zion (B'nai Zion Village) and myself, an American journalist on his second visit to Israel within one year. The man's name is Itzhak Brettschneider. The village is about an hour's drive by car from Tel Aviv, and much closer than that to the Arab "triangle." The day was Saturday, March 5, 1949, in the afternoon.

I stated, "I came here because I am afraid to go back and face Abe Redelheim of B'nai Zion in the United States, without having seen you. He nearly murdered me for not having paid a visit to Kfar B'nai Zion on my visit in April and May."

MY HOST WHOM I HAD DISTURBED from his Sabbath afternoon siesta, was putting on his shoes. He spoke a very good Hebrew—not scholarly, but correct and accurate. He mentioned that he had learned it without any formal schooling, not even attending evening courses, but simply by reading and practicing. My host came to Israel 16 years ago. He had some agricultural experience at home and specialized in growing vegetables. I found his company interesting and attractive, therefore I stayed in Kfar B'nai Zion longer than I had expected. We talked in the house and while walking in the street of the village, and I found he was a man who knows how to think and how to express his thoughts and one who knows what he wants.

It was a neat, comfortable little one-story house, bright and open to the light on all four sides. The plumbing was better than found in most Palestine homes, except the well-to-do.

The village is situated on a green hill, with a beautiful panorama meeting one's eye. The village itself, consisting of over 30 neat white little houses, removed from one another and surrounded by vegetable patches, cattle and domestic birds.

It was Saturday afternoon and the village was quiet, as we walked through its street.

"When I came to Palestine 16 years ago," Mr. Brettschneider told me, "I soon realized that unless you belong to a well-organized party, you're out of luck. What am I to do if I am a General Zionist, neither a Mizrahi nor a Laborite? Those parties do take care of their people, the General Zionists don't. I like agricultural work, but I cannot follow the methods of the other parties, so I joined the Jewish Bedouins."

"What's that?"

"There are about a thousand of such people in the country. They are landless farmers, so to speak. They did not manage to obtain any land from the Jewish National Fund, and there is no one to take up their case. They cultivate land that belongs to others."

"What kind of land is that?"

"There are many kinds. One man may have a plot of land which he is not able to cultivate, because he has gone into business or become an official or is ill. Another man just does not want to work his land and still does not want to give up or sell it. So he secures a tenant, who pays him rental. That is what we call a Jewish Bedouin, because these tenants do not stay long on that land. After a year or two there is some disagreement about rental or the owner decides to work the land himself, and the Bedouin moves on to other land."

"Could you make a living that way?"

"I got along, but I did want to have a plot of land to myself. I organized some thirty-five families into a unit a form a settlement of private farmers. We applied to the General Zionists in America for assistance. Itzhak Karpman, the Executive Director of the World Confederation of General Zionists, contacted us with the Order B'nai Zion of America, and as a result, here is our village."

SOME 150 SOULS ARE LIVING in that village, with the expected addition of another 15 families, the population will soon reach 200. The Kfar B'nai Zion is the first settlement in Israel to undertake the training of a youth group only two months after its establishment.

Every farming settlement, whether collective, private or semi-private, trains youth groups from Youth Aliyah or from recent arrivals, but no one so far has received its trainees such a short time after it came into being. Since its establishment in March 1947, the Kfar B'nai Zion has already trained three groups. Some of its trainees have already formed new settlements in strategic spots and taken an active part in the war.

Mr. Brettschneider himself is a specialist in growing vegetables. The vegetables grown by Kfar B'nai Zion are sold in Tel Aviv, also the poultry and dairy products. There are flowers grown by some of the farmers.

The soil, in which the Kfar B'nai Zion is situated, is sandy.



Split Over Fund Handling Between HUC-JIR And UAHC Settled At CCAR Convention

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—A split over fund-handling between the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion and its parent organization, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was settled this week at the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Background of the battle was the fact that only \$700,000 was raised by the joint campaign of the college and the UAHC for the fiscal year just ending. Of this amount the UAHC receives approximately \$300,000 in congregation dues. That sum is set aside before the rest, less campaign expenses, is divided between UHC and the JIR.

The peace agreement was reached on the

basis of a UAHC offer to give up the provision giving it the first \$300,000, which is equal to \$3 per year dues from each member of U. S. Reform congregations.

The UAHC also offered to work under a plan of joint budgeting in addition to joint fund-raising. The HUC-JIR leaders reportedly had come to the CCAR convention determined to settle only on a 50-50 basis, without joint budgeting, with permission to raise additional funds from a so-called group of friends of the college.

It was presumed that the peace agreement included acceptance of those demands. Several months ago it was reported that both the college and the UAHC were compelled to borrow from banks to meet current operating expenses.

Essrig Condemns 'Pulpit Oratory'

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—Rabbi Harry Essrig of Grand Rapids, Mich., this week called on the Reform rabbinate to explore new congregational techniques and to get along with less "pulpit oratory" if sound lay leadership is to be developed.

The youthful rabbi made the proposal before the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of Reform Rabbis in a paper on "Jewish Religious Liberalism in the World of Tomorrow."

He told the rabbis that it was vital for them to use and develop "the new and more challenging techniques" of congregational forums, group discussions, panels and symposia immediately following the usual religious services.

If such new techniques were

Arabs Will Get It If You Are Careless

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Israeli

Consul-General Arthur Lourie this week warned all persons writing to residents of Jewish sections in Jerusalem that they must address their mail, "Jerusalem, Israel." Letters marked "Jerusalem, Palestine" are liable to be delivered to the Old City of Jerusalem, which is in the hands of the Arab Legion, and will not reach the addressees, he said in a statement to the press.

not widely developed, he said, "we will fail to develop good lay leadership in helping our congregation to arrive at democratic decisions and in guiding people toward making their own personal discoveries of religious truths."

He said the development of such new methods would free the rabbis "from our complete dependence on pulpit oratory."

Incidentally I have seen other General Zionist settlements, including the Tel-Yitzhak kibbutz, settled on poor sandy soil. However, with the flight of the Arabs, the soil situation has improved. The soil that Jews used to purchase from Arabs was never the kind that the Jews would choose, either as to quality or locality. The Arabs sold what they did not want for themselves. Naturally they did not choose what land to leave behind them when they fled. It was their expectation to get it back plus the Jewish land, on their return in a few weeks. The land is good, and now the Jews are permitted to cultivate it until the final settlement. This means that the farmers of Kfar B'nai Zion will be able to plant cereals.

THE ORDER B'NAI ZION OF AMERICA has built the Educational House in the village, and the care of the children is a joint undertaking of the village and the Order. Recently the village received two tractors sent by the Order. Dr. Harris Levine of the Order of B'nai Zion, on his recent visit to Israel, perfected plans for opening a factory to manufacture blood plasma in the Kfar B'nai Zion. Since then, in consultation with the Government of Israel, a plan has been modified to erect there a Rehabilitation Hospital for wounded and crippled soldiers which the Government feels is more urgently needed at the moment. The manufacture of blood plasma will be part of the Hospital's activities.

"Why didn't you settle in a kibbutz (collective farm)?" I asked Mr. Brettschneider.

Mr. Brettschneider replied that he and his friends do not fancy life in a kibbutz. He for one, does not like a communal dining room, and he does not like the plumbing facilities of a kibbutz. Furthermore, Mr. Brettschneider is convinced that in a kibbutz there is a tendency for the division into hard workers who bear the whole burden of the farm and a larger section of members who live by the reputation for hard work created by the real workers. Of course, he has nothing against people going into a kibbutz if they like it that way, and he admits the kibbutzim have played a tremendous role in the pioneering work and in the war, but he prefers private farming, with some forms of co-operative buying and selling.

"Then what is the difference between your type of village and a moshav ovdim?" I asked.

"I don't see any more difference than the mere name and nominal party affiliation," was the reply.

IT IS APPARENT THAT THE VILLAGE is not shirking its duties in the war. In fact Kfar B'nai Zion is still a frontier settlement, only eight kilometers from the famous Arab "triangle." The male members of the kibbutz still take turns doing night duty as watchmen. Each one has to be up three nights a week.

The farmers of Kfar B'nai Zion are General Zionists, though they do not quite see eye to eye with the "regular" General Zionists headed by Israel Rokach and Fritz Bernstein. Most of them voted Progressive in the elections of January 25. The trouble with the General Zionists, Mr. Brettschneider thinks, is that they stress politics and disregard constructive work, such as the creation of solid institutions. Lately, they did begin to work along the lines of constructive achievements, and one of the results is the flourishing settlement of these former "Jewish Bedouins."

"I wish I had the chance to talk to Silver," said my host, "I could give him a program of action which would be of great help to the General Zionist cause."

It seems as though he will have to talk to Daniel Frisch now.

Religious Education Chaotic, Survey Finds

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—The condition of the curriculum in reform Jewish education in the U. S. is chaotic, Rabbi Richard C. Hertz of Chicago said this week. Reform Jewish education nevertheless has made limited but impressive progress during the past 25 years, he said, in a report to the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

He reported on a survey of the 351 Reform religious schools in the U.S., which disclosed that the proportion of children who take Hebrew in Reform religious schools has nearly doubled in the past 25 years.

Rabbi Hertz also reported that more girls than boys attend such religious schools and called for a national program to attract more boys.

Bernstein Named V. P. of CCAR

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester, N. Y., was named vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in the only to the presidency was not by election, since such elevation is a matter of long-established precedent.

The elevation of Dr. Jacob Marcus, formerly vice president, was not by election, since such elevation is a matter of long-established precedent.

Rabbi Bernstein served in Germany as Jewish advisor to the U.S. Armed Forces two years and will be the first graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion to head the CCAR next year.

Rabbi Mark Heads HUC Alumni Group

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL,

Bretton Woods, N. H. (NJP)—Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in New York, was elected president this week of the Hebrew Union College Alumni Society.

He succeeded the late Rabbi Henry J. Brekowitz of Portland, Ore.—Rabbi Edward Klein of the Stephen S. Wise Synagogue of New York was re-elected president of the Alumni Society of the Jewish Institute of Religion.

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Reform Rabbinate Okays Placement Plan With Sanctions

By G. M. COHEN

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—(NJP)—The Central Conference of American Rabbis finally adopted a pulpit placement plan this week after almost nine years of debate and reports by three different committees.

The plan, which must yet be approved by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion before it goes into effect, would set up a bureau with a paid director, which would have control over place-

ment in all Reform pulpits.

The plan was adopted at the 60th annual convention of the CCAR here.

The main argument here was over provision for sanctions. Many rabbis opposed them on the grounds that the proposal impugned the honesty of the Reform rabbinate and might lead to a hierarchy.

Rabbi Roland P. Gittelsohn, chairman of the committee, pointed out that sanctions were like a set of

traffic laws. Other objections were that the placement bureau director might hold the future of the rabbis in his hands.

Applause of the rabbis, however, indicated that most of them were ready for a placement plan to eliminate the present chaos which no one, including those who opposed the Gittelsohn plan, wanted to see continued.

Sanctions range from a reprimand to ouster of either a rabbi or a congregation.

ADL Should Work On Council

Fake Brotherhood Assailed At CCAR Meet; Dignity Demanded

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—One of the sharpest attacks ever made on interfaith efforts toward Brotherhood was delivered here this week at the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"It is only a make-believe brotherhood when good-will projects must be instigated and initiated by the minority," Rabbi Abraham M. Granison of New York, assistant to the president of the Jewish Institute of Religion, told the 300 Reform rabbis.

"It is only a make-believe brotherhood that contents itself with meaningless generalities and refuses to take a stand on important and specific issues involving bigotry and discrimination," he said. "It is only a make-believe brotherhood that remains conspicuously silent when an innocent and helpless minority is persecuted and even threatened with annihilation."



GRANISON

Rabbi Granison charged that this, for the most part, "is the brand of brotherhood that we have been getting from our good-will and interfaith activities in the past."

Move Is Demanded

He said group inferiority feelings on the part of U.S. Jews was responsible and that "Jewish dignity would demand something more from the good-will movement than such make-believe

brotherhood."

He listed as another manifestation of the Jewish inferiority complex "our nervous concern over the question of dual allegiance."

He said healthy-minded U.S. Jews didn't bother with such nonsense but that too many Jews suffered from inferiority feelings "that makes them unduly fearful of what our unappeasable enemies may say about our patriotism."

"This has led not only to organized perverseness but also to organized perversion," he said. "Is it not perversion as well as perverseness of the foulest kind when an organization that purports to espouse the cause of Judaism tries to make Judaism synonymous with anti-Zionism and anti-Israelism?"

Tragic Mistake

He insisted it would be a "tragic mistake to under-estimate the vicious effect of such dangerous and irresponsible activity."

"If the Anti-Defamation League would like to undertake a truly important case, it should investigate and take action at once" against the American Council for Judaism, he said. "Anti-defamation, like charity, should

begin at home," Granison declined to mention the Council by name.

He said that the attitude of pulpit committees "when they for a new rabbi" also demonstrated the Jewish inferiority complex.

What They Want

"Rarely do they inquire about his scholarship or idealism, or his ability to teach people and to guide them in the ways of Judaism," the New York rabbi said. "Their chief concern is how palatable will the rabbi be to their non-Jewish neighbors."

"They want him to be primarily a popular ambassador to the Gentiles, even if to win acceptance he should sacrifice Judaism and misrepresent Jews," he said.

Prison Chaplaincies To Synagogue Council

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N.H.—The Synagogue Council of America has decided to take under its auspices the Jewish chaplaincies in penitentiaries despite the request of the Jewish Welfare Board for that position, it was learned here this week.

Rabbi Ely Pilchik of Newark made the disclosure following the report of Rabbi Bernard Bamberger of New York, newly-elected president of the Synagogue Council, which represents the three wings of U. S. Judaism. The JWB controls Jewish chaplaincies in the armed forces.

Rabbi Pilchik, who said the Synagogue Council was "pressing the synagogues hard," said that although the Synagogue Council had no funds, it felt that chaplaincies were a responsibility of Jewish religious bodies, and not of a secular organization.

The disclosure recalled the fact that the JWB, which has traditionally been in charge of chaplains in the armed forces, was under fire several years ago when there was some sentiment favoring removal of chaplaincies from JWB supervision. The existing arrangement is subject to annual review.

NARDI NAMED OFFICIAL

NEW YORK — (JTA) — Dr. Noah Nardi, educator and psychologist and consultant to the Jewish Education Committee of this city, has been appointed head of the Department of Research and Experimentation of the Ministry of Education of Israel, it was announced here this week.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL WORKING ON U.S. RITUAL FOR ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—The Synagogue Council of America is preparing a ritual for observance of Independence Day in Israel, subject to the approval of the three wings of U.S. Judaism, it was disclosed this week.

The disclosure was made by Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, president of the Synagogue Council, representing the three wings. He reported to the 60th annual convention of the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis.

He also disclosed that the Synagogue Council agenda includes the matter of devising a Jewish religious flag to replace the present Zionist flag, now the official flag of Israel. A similar project

BAMBERGER was voted at the 49th convention of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) at Lake Kiamesha last week.



Perilman Accuses U.S. Rabbinate Of Yielding Leadership by Default

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—The American Rabbinate was accused this week of having permitted the role of leadership in U. S. Jewish life to go by default to Jews far less concerned with Judaism.

Rabbi Nathan Perilman of Temple Emanu-El, New York, made the assertion at the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"Harsh and unpleasant as it is to declare it, it must be said that there is something of the Esau spirit in us of the American Rabbinate," he told the Reform rabbis. "We, too, have abandoned and seemingly despised the role of leadership."

"We have pointed trembling fingers at social workers, at educators and money raisers and defense agencies, and have charged them with ignoring the synagogue's centrality in Jewish life, and the priesthood of Israel as the unique and special purpose for which God designated our fathers and us."

Take It Quietly

He said that "we have fallen so low in our own esteem as rabbis, and the work to which we have consecrated ourselves seems so unworthy, that we accept quietly and without protest every command to postpone efforts in behalf of our own needs until all others are provided for."

He dismissed the theory that the reason lay in an engulfing wave of secularism.

"With all the bitterness we feel, we must admit that the secularists have achieved miraculous results. They have taught 547 policies with a face value of American Jewry how to live on \$3,539,353, with a total maturity the generous, even sacrificial value of \$7,091,180.

level of giving," he said. "They have held to Jewish life many whom we as rabbis could not hold and they have created a loyal following that stands by them and their causes in good times and bad," he said.

"We can do more than study their techniques for our own uses," the New York rabbi declared. "We should also imitate them in fixity of purpose and in their care to surround themselves with people who believe in their causes."

265 Reform Rabbis Under Pension Plan

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N.H.—A total of 215 rabbis are now enrolled in the Rabbinical Plan of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, it was announced this week.

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup of Mobile, Ala., chairman of the Joint Rabbinical Pension Board of the CCAR and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, made the report at the CCAR 60th annual convention.

He said that in all there were 547 policies with a face value of American Jewry how to live on \$3,539,353, with a total maturity the generous, even sacrificial value of \$7,091,180.

CCAR REJECTS FEDERAL AID FOR ALL PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

National Jewish Post

MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, Bretton Woods, N. H.—The American Reform rabbinate was unanimously on record this week in unalterable opposition to any "Federal or state aid to educational institutions maintained by religious groups—Jewish or Christian."

A resolution to that effect was approved at a session of the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. It followed a report by the CCAR committee on church and state, headed by Rabbi Joseph L. Fink of Buffalo, N. Y.

"We believe that Federal or state aid should be limited to public schools alone, and that schools that are maintained solely to preserve and advance any particular religious faith, be it Jewish or Christian, should be maintained out of private not public resources," the resolution said.

Commend Withdrawals

The resolution commended the "many communities, large and small, that have decided to withdraw from participation in Released-Time programs in the public schools" as being "in conformity on the issue of separation of Church and State."

In other resolutions, the CCAR called for the inclusion of Jerusalem within the boundaries of Israel; approved the administration of the Atomic Energy Commission, and urged full adoption of President Truman's Civil Rights program.

Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger of New York's West End Synago-

gue said that in the past, the Reform rabbinate felt that the universal religious interpretation of Judaism "was in basic and irreconcilable conflict with Jewish nationalism."

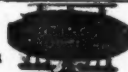
Not Any More

"Numbers of Reform Jews, today, find no such absolute conflict—some see even a positive, complementary relation between devotion to the Jewish national renaissance on one hand, and on the other, devotion to the universal aims of Judaism and belief in the election of Israel," he said, in delivering the CCAR annual lecture.

The committee on contemporary history report declared that the establishment of Israel "in no way lessens the need for a creative and consecrated American Jewish community." The committee was headed by Rabbi Herbert I. Bloom of Kingston, N. Y.

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Digest Of The Yiddish Press

NOT ALL YIDDISH NEWSPAPERS
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By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

JENNIE Goldstein, star of the Yiddish stage, was grinding out jokes in a smoky Cleveland land night club. After her stint, she was glad to talk her heart out to the burly man who spoke to her in "ma-ma-loshen." She told her interviewer that she was compelled to take on night club jobs because the Yiddish theater has no appeal to the younger generation. Nodding sympathetically, the man made a few notes and later left on another errand.

The next night a full-dress Chassidic wedding took place in Cleveland. Again, the man with the note book was present. He watched the exotic proceedings with interest, wandered among the dancing, fur-hatted, earlock-dangling chassidim and their be-wigged wives, exchanging pleasantries with all.

When the veiled bride was led into the courtyard and marched around the bridegroom seven times, the man with the note book was standing close to the crowded canopy and jotted down a few things by the light of the candles which the Chassidim held aloft.

Earlier in the week, Freydel Oysher, sister of Moyshe, the cantor, had made an appearance at a Cleveland theater. When she sang a "Yiddishe Mame," a young woman in the audience muttered something deprecatory. Next to the young woman the man with the notebook happened to be sitting.

"Don't you like that song?" he asked. "Why do they have to glorify the Jewish mother?" the woman asked. "Don't non-Jewish mothers love their children too?"

The man with the note-book was present at every gathering of Jews during the week in Cleveland. He attended a memorial meeting to honor Jewish martyrs of Nazism, interviewed a musician who had just heard interesting facts about the Israel Symphony Orchestra, covered various organizational meetings, and exchanged countless jokes with the Jews he met on his various errands.

The ubiquitous gentleman is Isaac Schoen, ex-cantor, humorist, leg-man and writer for the Cleveland weekly, "The Jewish World," one of the few surviving Yiddish papers published outside New York.

Unlike the editors of some Jewish weeklies, Schoen is no desk-jockey. He diligently covers all Cleveland happenings, and records them and his own observa-

tions in two columns in the WORLD. His competent journalism, plus that of his colleague, Lawyer Chaim Hurwitz, provides Cleveland Jewry with its only local outlet for the Yiddish language.

In last week's issue of the WORLD, Writer Schoen reveals, inter alia, that Wagner's music is tabu in Israel, and that the late, great cantor Yosele Rosenblatt once had to bribe an imitator to change his name to Rosenzweig.

Hard-working Writer Schoen ekes out a meager living through his journalistic chores. To supplement his income, he has published a collection of jokes, and frequently doubles as cantor at barmitzva's and holidays.

(Digester's note: Readers of the Post, who may want to salute other local Yiddish writers, are invited to submit copies of their home-town Yiddish papers for comment.)

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Why Do N. Y. Jews
Read The Daily News?

For two successive days, the JOURNAL'S Eliezer Blum pondered the question, "Why does the N.Y. Daily News have such a large circulation?" Of those who buy 2,250,000 copies daily and 4,400,000 Sundays, a large number must be Jews. How is it that the "people of the book" choose such reading matter, to

the neglect of Jewish periodicals?

Blum studied the News and saw much that was cheap, reactionary, and cynical in it. The only reason for the phenomenon must be that the News is relaxing.

But will not too much mental relaxation cause people to forget themselves and what they stand for, asks Blum.

Conservative Temple
Opens Suburb School

National Jewish Post
PHILADELPHIA — The first Conservative congregation to follow the trend begun by Reform congregations here of opening religious schools in the suburbs to take care of members who reside away from their original neighborhoods is Beth Shalom Congregation.

Beth Shalom has purchased a large tract of ground in Elkins Park, adjoining Philadelphia in the north, for services and for a religious school. This is the same section where Rodeph Shalom and Keneseth Israel, the two largest Reform congregations in the city, will jointly construct a school building for their members in that section.

Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen is spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Congregation.

MILITARY RULE ENDS

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—The Israeli Government announced this week that as of July 1 military administration of the three former Arab cities of Jaffa, Lydda and Ramleh will be terminated.

GREEK OFFICIAL DEFENDS
NAMING JEW AS ISRAEL ENVOY

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ATHENS—Criticism of the appointment by Greece of a Greek Jew to represent this country as its envoy at Tel Aviv, has been warmly answered by Foreign Minister Constantin Tsaldaris in the Chamber of Deputies.

On being questioned on the appointment, Tsaldaris upheld the selection of Dr. Joseph Mallah, adding: "This appointment was dictated by special reasons aiming at the better service of our interests in the new state." Tsaldaris praised Dr. Mallah's experience and recalled many services rendered by him to Greece. "Our long-standing liberal traditions of avoiding any religious or racial discrimination could not be ignored at this moment."

Tsaldaris went on to say that the mission of Dr. Mallah was only temporary and defined these points as its objectives: one, the establishment of diplomatic relations with the new state; two, the development of trade between the countries; three, the protection of Greek subjects in Israel, most of them Jewish. He added that the settlement of the future status of Palestine was not a matter to be examined within the framework of Greek-Israel relations. As a matter of international interest,

the question should be decided by special international bodies, he suggested.

The New Party, a bloc which has opposed the present Greek Government since its leader was ousted from the coalition cabinet, and its newspaper, Estia, have been conducting a violent attack on Dr. Mallah ever since his name was first mentioned for the post. Estia described the former Greek representative at the League of Nations as a "Jew merchant of Salonika who will give orders to our Christian diplomatic employees."

GOLDSTEIN HONORED

PHILADELPHIA, (JTA) — Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, this week received a citation from Gratz Teacher's College here at the institution's annual commencement exercises.

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By CARL ALPERT

THIS is the time of year when graduates are beginning to receive notification from the colleges to which they have applied that their applications, for a variety of reasons, have not been accepted. Many far-sighted young students submit applications to a dozen or more schools simultaneously, only to receive a like number of rejections.

It was against this background that I last week read a promotional kit issued by a professional school encouraging young Jews to register. There was nothing strange about it, for if young people choosing a professional career give a thought to becoming a doctor, lawyer, dentist or engineer—why not a rabbi? The kit was issued by the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, and is designed to plant this thought in the minds of young men.

Why choose medicine as a profession? Why be a rabbi? A collection of pamphlets in the kit seeks to answer the latter question. "As a college student, you may now be mapping out your life work and considering the choice of a field of creativity which you hope will bring you a sense of personal achievement and the assurance of a lasting contribution to the forging of an ideal social order," one statement reads. Other material lists the advantages of the rabbinate as a career.

FOR ONE THING, there are jobs to be had, while most rabbis never become rich, there is economic security for the right men. There are other rich compensations. There will be "a sense of accomplishment; the prestige of community leadership; a wide enough variety of work to keep almost any day from being monotonous." But even more the rabbi is a personal guide and counsellor to his people, as well as a teacher. He can help to create the better world for which all of us long. He can help to resolve the internal conflicts which ravage men's souls and men's hearts. He can help people.

Of course, the would-be rabbi must have special qualifications. He must like to be with people; he must feel "a very strong bond of affection for fellow Jews everywhere." He must be convinced that "Judaism as our own specific religious way of life can help modern Jews live more bravely and become better."

The kit presents its case most effectively, and should be afforded the widest possible distribution among college students and graduates who are now considering the choice of a professional career.

I FIND ONE ELEMENT MISSING, however, in the presentation. There is much talk about the rabbi as psychiatrist, about the rabbi as social worker, teacher, scholar, public speaker. But while there is some exposition of the nature of Reform Judaism and its beliefs, there is little about the rabbi as a man of religion. I know several able and talented young Jews who would unhesitatingly have studied for the rabbinate if it had been presented to them only as a glorified and distinguished opportunity to do literary and social service work together. They rejected the rabbinate because they did not have the faith and the religious spirit and the unwavering belief which they felt the rabbinate demanded. They suspect that many rabbis are unhappy because while the rabbis are successful teachers and community workers, they realize that they do not possess the simple piety and faith which was once the hallmark of the Jewish spiritual leader.

Thus, young men who love Jewish culture, and have an affection for the Jewish people, have turned to other, non-religious careers of service in the Jewish field. They are the educators, case workers, editors, yes, and fund-raisers, who derive satisfaction from the service they are rendering to the Jewish people. They fulfill many of the functions of the modern rabbi and are not bound by the requirements of religious faith. No young man should consider entering the rabbinate merely because he possesses the combined qualities of the ideal lawyer, psychiatrist and radio announcer. He needs also a sense of deep spiritual exaltation and inspiration, as many apparently successful rabbis—and ex-rabbis—will mournfully attest.

ISRAELI ARAB DEPUTIES ASK
ARAB DP RETURN TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Israel—Two Arab deputies of the Israeli Parliament, making the first pleas of Israeli Arabs for the Arab DPs, made vigorous appeals this week for the return of the refugees to their homes in the Jewish State.

The two deputies were Seif el Din el Sabi and Amin Jarjura, who represent Nazareth and lean toward the Mapai, dominant Labor party in Israel.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who earlier had called for a plebiscite in Arab Palestine to determine whether its inhabitants want a separate state or union with Jordan, listened intently to the speeches by the Arab deputies.

No Fifth Column They said the return of refugees would not expose the infant state to the perils of a "fifth column," and that it would be a humanitarian gesture appreciated by the Arabs.

Sabi said that history would absolve the Jews in the tragedy of the mass Arab flight because it was known that the Jewish leaders had tried to persuade the Arabs to stay.

He said the Arabs had fought against the Jews under duress of "so-called Arab leadership" but that they now wanted to return and live as loyal citizens.

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Council Members Fail To Back Judaism Aid Plan, Survey Shows

The rank and file of the American Council for Judaism has failed completely to take any action to carry out the resolution of the fifth annual council convention last April pledging the organization to seek revitalization of Judaism in American life, a nation-wide survey by The National Jewish Post disclosed this week.

The survey covered a majority of U. S. cities in which the Council has members or chapters.

The Chicago convention, seeking a new orientation to deal with the fact of the emergence of Israel, took up charges of its critics that its stand for Judaism was a meaningless one.

The basis of that charge was the fact that in its five years of existence, the Council has never taken positive steps to implement its philosophy by fighting the forces of secularism and the drift of U.S. Jews away from organized religion.

The convention adopted a resolution calling on all Jews to become active members of synagogue or temple. Another resolution urged its members to participate fully "as individuals in the religious, civic, cultural, political and social life of their community and nation."

To determine whether any effort had been made since then by the 14,750 claimed Council members to carry out that policy, The Post checked cities in which the Council claimed either members or chapters.

Post correspondents were instructed to query the Reform rabbis in their communities, on the basis that most affiliated Council members belong to Reform temples.

Correspondents asked Reform rabbis in their cities whether they had observed any noticeable increase of Council membership in their congregations; whether Council members were attending services more regularly than before the Chicago convention; whether Council members were showing new signs of interest in temple problems; and whether any Council members were seeking new responsibilities in temple religious activities.

None of the reporting NJP correspondents found any evidence of such support by Council members of the convention pledge.

Cities checked included Miami, Atlanta, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Portland, Philadelphia, Memphis, Houston, Dallas and El Paso, Texas, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and Louisville.

The sample was believed to be representative for distribution of Council members in the United States.

MEMPHIS FEDERATION HANDLES TWO GRANTS TO BRANDEIS

National Jewish Post
MEMPHIS—A new role for a Jewish Welfare Fund was recorded here this week when the Memphis JWF served as a medium for transmitting grants from the proceeds of two estates to Brandeis University.

Nathan L. Shainberg, JWF president, presided at the meeting at which Abe Waldauer, prominent Zionist, presented the grants to the guest speaker, Dr. A. L. Sachar, Brandeis president.

Waldauer said that after the death of Sam Abraham of Memphis, a Sam Abraham Memorial Scholarship fund was set up. On behalf of that fund, Waldauer announced that for the next two years, two scholarships will be awarded at Brandeis.

The other grant was from the

Council Names Group To Implement Pledge

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The American Council for Judaism announced this week that a national committee of 20 has been named to implement the Chicago convention resolution for a revitalized Judaism.

The Committee is headed by Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., of Shreveport, La. and Bernard Grawhol of Lincoln, Neb.

Council Has Objection

The national office of the Council, when queried by The Post, said there was no way of determining attendance without a member-by-member poll. A New York Council spokesman said that a larger proportion of Council members attended services regularly "probably than in any other groups."

Council defenders pointed out that the eight weeks since the Council convention was too short a time to organize a nation-wide effort to implement the resolution. They argued, also, that most Reform Temples end their annual season in mid-June, which they contended would affect any immediate effort by the membership to begin carrying out the Chicago pledge.

Council critics answered that all Council members had been promptly informed of the Chicago pledge and that no nation-wide machinery was needed to make it possible for the individual member to affiliate himself, or to attend more regularly, or to take a more active role in Temple religious affairs.

Whatever the merits of the debate, the survey indicated that, city by city, Council members were no more active in support of organized Judaism than they had been before the Council convention.

The reports from Philadelphia and the Texas cities were regarded as particularly significant. Philadelphia is generally regarded as the birthplace of the Council. The Texas Jewish communities are among the strongholds of Council activity.

Nothing In Philadelphia

Four rabbis of Philadelphia's Reform temples reported no increases from Council members. They were Rabbi Myron Silverman, assistant to Rabbi William H. Fineshriber of Keneseth Israel, the city's largest Reform congregation; Rabbi David H. Wice of Rodelph Shalom, Rabbi Samuel Markowitz of Beth David, and Rabbi Meir Lasker of Temple Judea.

Rabbi Markowitz said only one member of his congregation was a member of the Council. Rabbi Lasker said only two members had been Council members and both have dropped out of the anti-Zionist group.

Dallas Does Well

In the matter of Temple attendance, Dallas reported a better record than the rest of Dallas Jewry. The current president of Temple Emanu-El and several vice presidents current and during the past few years, two presidents of the Brotherhood, the chairman of the Sunday school committee and the rabbi emeritus have belonged to the Council. The Post's Dallas correspondent reported.

Temple Beth Israel in Houston, once considered a Council temple, was checked and no particular increase was noted in attendance or activities of Council members in the temple.

The Council chapter in El Paso has about 35 members, most of them members of the city's single Reform Temple. There has been no concerted drive in El Paso to implement the Chicago resolution, The Post was informed.

Four temples in Cleveland showed no effect, as far as the Council resolution was concerned, in terms of action by Council members in that city.

Likewise In L. A.

Louisville reported no increase in attendance or membership in its temples from the very substantial Council membership in that Kentucky city. Los Angeles, which has a functioning Council chapter, reported similarly.

Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Temple Israel in Minneapolis and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Mount Zion in St. Paul, the only Reform congregations in the Twin Cities, made similar reports.

Rabbi Plaut said that not only was there no increase in attendance on the part of Council members, who have a chapter in the Twin Cities, but "complete and utter abstinence."

Atlanta's only Reform temple has had no recent increase of attendance or interest by Council members and the same thing was reported from Miami, where the

Council chapter quietly folded last summer.

Cincinnati Too

Cincinnati has been a center of attention because of the vigorous leadership of Dr. Leon Saks, president of the Council chapter there. Dr. Saks won national attention for accepting a top post in the local United Jewish Appeal and for sponsoring an advertisement in the local Anglo-Jewish press hailing the first anniversary of Israel.

But Reform Temples in Cincinnati also reported no noticeable effort to implement the Chicago resolution.

Rabbi Schultz Wins American Legion Award

NEW YORK — (NJP) — Rabbi

Benjamin Schultz, executive director of the American Jewish League Against Communism, has been awarded the annual citation for Americanism by the New York County American Legion, it was announced this week.

Rabbi Schultz will receive the award at the Legion's annual state convention at Manhattan Center July 5.

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Names In The News

ZIONIST LEADER HEADS DISTRICT
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JOSEPH GOLDBERG, a top national official in the Zionist Organization of America, also is appreciated by his own Worcester Zionist district. He was recently re-elected president again for his 21st term in a row. Considering that the ZOA itself is only a half-century old, this looks like something of a record.

The New Tradition

Among the U. S. rabbis scheduled or enroute to Israel this week were Rabbi I. SOLOMON ROSENBERG, spiritual leader of Congregations Beth Hamidrash Hagadol and Chevra Meshnayas of Bedford Street of Hartford, and Rabbi IRWIN I. HYMAN, spiritual leader of Conservative Temple Adath Yeshurun in Syracuse, with his family.

A Special Case

Also going on a visit to Israel is Dr. JOSEPH RAUCH, spiritual leader of Temple Adath Israel in Louisville. Rabbi Rauch is a founder of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, with which he broke last year during the Palestine war. He is believed to be the first person ever associated with the Council to visit the Jewish State.

Tributes To Merit

The Brazilian Consulate in Los Angeles presented two diplomas of recognition from Brazilian literary and scientific societies last week to Rabbi ERNEST R. TRATTNER, spiritual leader of Westwood Temple Congregation. His book "Architects of Ideas" has been one of the leading best sellers in Brazil for the last six

With The Rabbis

ELECTIONS—Rabbi SAUL B. APPLEBAUM has been elected to the pulpit of Congregation Beth Israel in Portland, to succeed his late friend, Dr. Henry J. Berkowitz.

Rabbi THEODORE ROSS of Brooklyn has been named to succeed Dr. G. GEORGE FOX as spiritual leader of the South Shore Temple in Chicago.

Rabbi WILLIAM SPIGELMAN has been named spiritual leader of Congregation Rodef Shalom in Los Angeles. He has been serving as regional director of the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Organization of America.

RESIGNATIONS—Rabbi Max Wasser has resigned as assistant rabbi of Temple Beth El Zedek in Indianapolis.

Rabbi LOUIS A. CASSEL of New Beth Israel Synagogue in Syracuse, has resigned.

INSTALLATIONS—Rabbi SAMUEL R. STOLLMAN was installed last week as spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Windsor, Ontario.

BIRTHS—A son, David Edward, to Rabbi and Mrs. LOUIS YOUNGERMAN of Congregation Rodef Shalom in Philadelphia.

A son, Samuel Nisson, to Rabbi and Mrs. A. J. KLEINERMAN of Chicago.

Bulgarians Replace
Departed Chief Rabbi

SOFIA — (JTA) — Dr. Asher Hananel, a rabbi in this city, has been appointed Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria to replace Rabbi Daniel Zion who left for Israel. Accepting his appointment, the new Chief Rabbi declared: "We shall fully support the fight against warmongers. We are convinced that if the peoples of the world are firmly ranged on the side of peace, there will be no war."

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Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, JULY 3—A broadcast in celebration of Independence Day, "The Sealed Tunnel, on the 'Eternal Light' program, 12:30 p.m. EDT, NBC.

SUNDAY, JULY 3—Rabbi Avraham Soltes of Congregation Rodeh Shalom of New York, the first of nine spiritual leaders from Reform, Conservative and Orthodox synagogues, speaking on the "Message of Israel" program from the pulpit of Central Synagogue in New York, 10 a.m. EDT, ABC.

Synagogue Made Stable
By Nazis Restored

PRAGUE — (WNS) — The old Synagogue at Pilsen, which the Nazis transformed into a stable and warehouse, has been rebuilt and made available to worshippers.

It took months of hard labor before the 325 Jews in Pilsen cleansed the synagogue and raised the funds to rebuild it. The dedication ceremony was attended by the Jewish survivors of Carlsbad, Marianbad and other small cities in Bohemia.

ST. LOUIS RABBINATE PROTESTS
RETURN OF SEGREGATION RULE

National Jewish Post

ST. LOUIS—The Rabbinical Association of St. Louis joined with Protestant and Catholic Church bodies this week in a sharp protest against the action of St. Louis authorities in yielding to violence and restoring a segregation policy in the city's swimming pools.

An incipient race riot followed an end of the policy when a group of teen-age hoodlums used bats and other weapons to drive Negro swimmers from the pools.

Mayor Joseph M. Darst cancelled the non segregation order when it appeared likely that keeping it would bring further violence.

The protest represented the first combined action of the Protestant Metropolitan Church Federation, the Catholic archdiocese, and the Rabbinical Association in more than a decade.

Another Committee
The mayor reversed himself and at the same time named a committee of 15 to advise the

Children Bet With Dice At Affairs, Charge

Hit Fund-Raising for Synagogues
In Philadelphia by Gambling

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—Synagogue fund-raising through gambling is becoming a widespread practice in Philadelphia Jewish life, it was charged this week.

"Such synagogue gambling has become a shocking communal problem," Arnold R. Ginsburg asserted in his column, "Our Jewish Community" in the Philadelphia Jewish Times. He hinted he would name names if the practice continued.

"Facts now coming to my attention make it appear that synagogue fund-raising through gambling is becoming more brazen and widespread in various sections of the city, and some of the rabbis involved are condoning the practice while certain high rabbinical and lay leaders in the community, to whom complaint has been made, have regretfully declared themselves unable to interfere," Ginsburg asserted.

Urges Public Criticism

He urged "public criticism" of the practice, which he said "can bring only discredit and harm to those synagogue groups which engage in it, and to the entire Jewish community of Philadelphia."

"For the time being, the names of the offending parties will not

be disclosed here," he said.

He said, that the resignation of a rabbi a year ago was in part because he felt it was disgraceful "that members of his congregation should have to hold poker parties in the synagogue, so that part of the winnings could be contributed to the rabbi's salary."

It's Cold Cash

Ginsburg emphasized he was not talking merely about carnivals with prizes of candy and dolls, but of regular gambling in which the returns are "cold cash."

Ginsburg cited the letter of a public school teacher, long an active and prominent leader in Jewish youth work.

The letter reported a carnival sponsored by a men's club.

Little Gamblers

"What made the scene so repugnant to me was the number of teen-age children engaged in the various games," the letter said. "Small children standing around a crap game and betting on dice is not a pretty sight at any time or place. But to have such a performance promoted by a synagogue or its men's club, in an open public lot, certainly leads to public indignation."

The teacher charged that the worst aspect of the situation was that the rabbi of the offending congregation "could find nothing reprehensible in the display. The rabbi condones this activity as the only way funds can be raised for his congregation; and he even directed me to find some other method of having the community support his institution."

The teacher said that the rabbi defended himself "as doing no more than other synagogues and churches are doing."

Ginsburg said that personally he was neither puritan nor moralist but that it was "unseemly" for a synagogue group to sponsor gambling no matter how worthy the purpose.

DP Jews Going
To Brazil From Rome

ROME — (JTA) — The emigration of displaced Jews from Italy to Brazil has been increasing in recent weeks, it was reported here this week.

The movement of the Jews is part of a Brazilian resettlement scheme in the Amazon Valley for some 30,000 DP's of all faiths. The movement is proceeding by sea and air and is directed from the newly-established Brazilian Selection Mission at Naples.

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Women's Viewpoint

JEWRY REGAINED ISRAEL IN RETURN FOR THE SIX MILLION? POPPYCOCK!

By HELEN COHEN

IN AN editorial in the June issue of her Jewish SPECTATOR, Trude Weiss-Rosmarin happily emphasizes that the re-establishment of the Jewish State calls the Christian bluff. She reminds the Christians of the theology they evolved that Jews must ever be homeless wanderers as punishment for not accepting Christ.

Yet in the midst of her clear-headed thinking on organized Christianity's attitude toward Israel, she lets go a paragraph as irrational and self-deluding as any of Christendom's excuses these past two millenium for its inhuman treatment of the helpless Jewish minority in its midst. She writes:

"According to the Prophets, Israel had to suffer the penalty of homelessness to atone for its transgressions, sins no worse than those committed by other peoples, but unpardonable in God's people ennobled by the Torah. The sins for which the Prophets castigated their people were idolatry, social injustice—and the setting aside of the moral-ethical code of the Torah. For these sins, and these sins alone, Israel was exiled. And when the full penalty for these sins was paid, with the six million martyrs of the Hitler period as the final installment, the curse was lifted."

Surely you don't believe that drivel, Dr. Rosmarin?

The Jews were exiled, just as other nations were, which were defeated by a more powerful army, since the beginning of history. When the ancient Jews conquered other peoples, they accorded the vanquished similar treatment. If the Romans were extra harsh and thorough in uprooting the Jewish nation, it was because the Jews were singularly determined not to forsake their religion for Rome's idolatry.

No, the exile of the Jews can't be laid to such far-fetched poppycock, any more than their homeless wanderings can be.

What is important and deserves analysis is the remarkable feat that the Jews performed in retaining their identity and preserving their ideals through so many tragic centuries.

And don't kid yourself, Trude, that the six million died as a penalty for sins, thereby lifting the curse. The Jews died because of man's cruelty and bigotry. And we have Israel today, not because any imaginary curse was lifted, but because we had the will to rebuild the land, because we believe in the justness of our cause.

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WHEN Hanna Kipnis sang in Indianapolis at a local program, I came too late to hear her but the unanimous opinion expressed afterwards by those to whom I talked was "terrific." They were impressed especially by her facial expressions and her gestures.

Miss Kipnis, who was born in Tel Aviv, is a concert artist who is making (by now she may have completed) her first American tour.

If you don't get to hear her, I understand Victor Records have waxed some of her renditions of Palestinian songs.

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SOMETIME ago, this corner quoted from Rabbi Solomon Gold- man's "Book of Books," in which he described the attitude of the Jewish people during the Hellenistic period toward womanly beauty. There was one paragraph, however, which I laid aside as being pertinent today and deserving of separate mention. It went like this:

"Was not a woman's beauty her goodly armor, assuring an enduring, happy marital relationship and did it not compose the husband's mind and double his span of life?"

Did it ever occur to you, fellow-wives, that whatever beauty you possess (or can acquire) is in itself such a power for good, with such healing qualities?

Only one other comment is necessary for full appreciation of Rabbi Goldman's paragraph.

When you sit down in the chair at the photographer's studio to have your likeness caught on film, you don't just depend on your outward appearance. You try to "think" beautiful. And you wouldn't dream of being snapped with your mouth open in an angry tirade, or with a frown between your eyes.

Let your husband, as well as the camera, enjoy the full benefit of your beauty.

CIO Official Urges Israel Marshall Plan

NEW YORK — (JTA) — Extension of Marshall Plan aid to Israel was urged this week by Louis Hollander, president of the New York State CIO, upon his return from a two month tour of western Europe and Israel. He said he would ask the next meeting of the national CIO executive board to consider his proposal.

NEW IZFA HEAD

CLEVELAND (NJP) — Judith Neulander of New York was elected president this week of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America at the college group's fourth annual convention here.

British Won't Force Yemenite Jews Back

LONDON, — (JTA) — The British Colonial Office this week assured S. S. Silverman, Member of Parliament, that none of the Yemenite Jewish refugees who fled from Yemen to the British protectorate of Aden will be sent back to Yemen.

Dr. Silverman, on behalf of the World Jewish Congress, intervened with the Colonial Office following receipt of a plea from the Jewish Emergency Committee in Aden that some hundreds of Yemenite Jews were in danger of repatriation.

According to the Colonial Office, there are now 900 refugees in the camp at Dala. Difficulties arose when several hundred arrived enroute to Israel instead of only 200 as the authorities had been advised. They will all be permitted to remain until their transfer to Israel or other destinations can be arranged. Representatives of the Emergency Committee will be permitted to visit the camp to investigate conditions.

Florida Sets Up Synagogue Council

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A Synagogue Council of Southeastern Florida, made up entirely of laymen of the three wings of U. S. Judaism, has been organized here, the Jewish FLORIDAN reported last week.

There are about a dozen local Synagogue Councils, connected with the national organization, but the Miami Beach organization was believed to be the only one without rabbinical representation.

The Florida Synagogue Council is made up of three appointed or elected members of each synagogue in the area.

The new organization will seek to strengthen Judaism by seeking, among other objectives, to increase affiliation of Florida Jews; to improve inter-faith relations and to contribute to movements for peace.

Harold B. Spaet of Temple Israel was elected chairman.

The meeting was attended by many local rabbis who served in an advisory capacity.

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THE three recipes this week for cooked or canned fish are prepared with white sauce. Therefore we have general instructions on white sauce preparation as an introduction.

WHITE SAUCE FOR FISH

The exact quantities of butter, flour and milk required are specified in the recipes which call for a White Sauce. The following is the method of preparing it: Heat the butter, stir in the flour, and let cook until the mixture bubbles. Or better, to ensure that the sauce will be free from any taste of raw flour, let cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Gradually add the milk, and let cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is smooth and thickened. The milk should be lukewarm or hot; it should not be ice-cold or boiling.

If the quantity of flour specified is greater than the quantity of butter, it is better to prepare the sauce as follows: Heat $\frac{1}{4}$ of the milk. Mix remaining milk with the flour to make a smooth paste. Stir the paste into the hot milk, heat to the boiling point, and let simmer, stirring constantly, until the milk is thickened. Add the butter, and let simmer 3 minutes longer, stirring constantly.

CREAMED FISH WITH POTATO CHIPS

2 tablespoons butter	2 cups thin potato chips
2 tablespoons flour	2 cups cooked or canned fish, flaked
1 cup hot milk	bread crumbs
salt and pepper	

Make a White Sauce of the butter, flour and milk. Add salt and pepper. Add fish, and mix well. Grease a casserole with butter, line with alternate layers of creamed fish and potato chips. Season each layer with salt and pepper. Sprinkle top layer with bread crumbs, and dot with butter. Bake in oven at 350 degrees until the top is brown.

FISH LOAF

1 tablespoon butter	2 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon flour	1 cup soft bread crumbs
1 cup hot milk	1 pickle, chopped
salt and pepper	1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
2 cups cooked or canned fish, flaked	3 tablespoons chopped parsley

Make a White Sauce of the butter, flour and milk. Add salt and pepper. Add remaining ingredients, and mix well. Pour into a buttered baking dish or mould. Place in a pan of boiling water in oven, and let cook at 350 degrees for an hour. Unmould. Serve hot or cold.

SALMON CUTLETS

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter	2 teaspoons lemon juice
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour	2 teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce
2 cups hot milk	1 tablespoon onion juice, if desired
salt and pepper	
2 cups canned salmon, flaked	

Make a White Sauce of the butter, flour and milk. Add salt and pepper. Add flaked salmon (including crushed bones and oil). Add remaining ingredients, and mix. Let stand in refrigerator an hour or longer until well chilled. Form into cutlets, dip in beaten egg and roll in bread crumbs. Place on a buttered baking sheet, and bake in oven at 375 degrees.

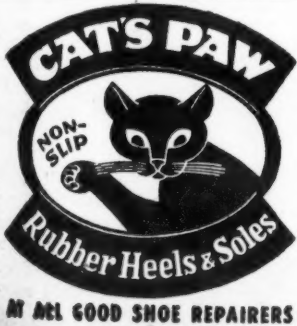
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The Editor's Chair

I'VE BEEN attending the conventions of the Conservative and Reform rabbis all week, as you can see from the news section of the paper, and since at least several hundred of the men are close friends of The Post by now, it would be suicide for me to mention even one name.

For some years I've attended rabbinical conventions, and the success of the two I've been to this week convinces me that holding them at resort hotels is far superior to any other method.

The accommodations were excellent both at the Concord Hotel at Lake Klamesha, N. Y., and at the Mt. Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, N. H. Meals were eaten in the hotel dining rooms instead—as in Kansas City or Chicago—in restaurants all over town. As one consequence, there was more of a spirit of camaraderie, less time wasted and better attendance at all sessions.

Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Minneapolis asked me how I would compare the two conventions. When I answered him as honestly as I could that they were both excellent, he was not convinced, so I had to repeat that that was my real opinion and not just an evasion.

At the Rabbinical Assembly convention, one of the rabbis said he wished he could attend the Reform convention to see what it was like. He needn't harbor any such hidden desires—the two conventions are hard to tell apart.

There is one difference. At the Concord Hotel, Pat (Irving) Spiegel was spouting mamaloschen phrases like the true son of Yiddish parents that he is, but at the CCAR convention at Bretton Woods, Pat lost his Yiddish tongue altogether. Must have been the subtle influence of reform.

Pat I wrote about some time ago. Several years back, the N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE was beginning to make serious inroads into the Jewish circulation of the N. Y. TIMES during the height of the Zionist fight in and around New York. So to the TIMES assigned one of its ace reporters to cover Jewish organizational news. Naturally that threw Pat and me together and we've labored over all the convention stories for the past two years.

Because of the TIMES' readership, Pat is denied the freedom of reporting that is mine. But when he sends in a story, it goes in that way. Not even a punctuation mark is changed. By now—after two years—all of Pat's confusion about the Jewish community is finally cleared up; he can describe Reconstructionism or the organic Jewish community with the best of them.

Pat is one of those legendary "Front Page" type of reporters. His energy is boundless and at any moment he'll break into operatic arias (he's a piano virtuoso) or a popular tune, or even a humorous Yiddish song. He covered the Boston night club fire, the Ringlin Brothers circus fire in Hartford, Conn., and most of the big stories around New York, so you can see publisher

Arthur Hays Sulzberger wasn't kidding when he finally decided that part of the coverage of any New York daily was the doings of its organized Jewish Community life.

DURING THE SESSION on the Church and State, Rabbi Dudley Weinberg of Boston told the story about the little Jewish girl who was asked to play the part of the virgin Mary in the Christmas play her public school was putting on. The child's mother asked Dudley about it, and he recommended that the girl stay out of the play. So she reported back to her school teacher: "My mother doesn't want me to be a virgin."

Israeli Druses Ask Religious Status

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—The community of Druses in Israel, numbering about 20,000 men, women and children, has asked the Israeli Ministry of Religion to accord it an independent religious status.

The Druses are a Moslem sect whose tenets and practices differ in many ways from the predominant Moslem teachings. They migrated from the southern Caucasus about a half century ago, and a large number of them settled in Lebanon and in northern Palestine, where they have established many villages around Haifa, Acre and Safad.

For the first time since their migration to the Levant, they have been permitted to hold their religious services by the state of Israel. In asking an independent status now, the Druses are apparently seeking legal separation from the Moslem religion.

S. Africa Party May Admit Jews

JOHANNESBURG, (JTA)—The Transvaal section of the Nationalist Party may soon remove its ban on admission of Jews to membership, the Capetown correspondent of the South African Jewish TIMES reports.

Several members of the government, including Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan, leader of the party, are said to favor lifting of the ban, the correspondent asserted. During recent visits overseas, he added, Eric Louw, Minister of Economic affairs, found that the Transvaal ban on Jewish membership was a principal factor in misgivings felt abroad over the Nationalist regime here. He consequently favors lifting the ban.

Canada Accepts 11,000 DP Jews In Two Years

MONTREAL, — (JTA) — Canada has accepted more than 11,000 displaced Jews during the past two years, Col. David Croll, Jewish M.P., revealed during an address here.

This makes Canada second only to Israel in the number of Jewish DPs it has accepted for resettlement, Col. Croll declared. Government statistics released in Ottawa recently disclosed that over 71,000 DPs of all nationalities and faiths have been accepted by the Dominion since April, 1947.

British Board Picks Brodetsky Successor

LONDON—Dr. Abraham Cohen was elected president this week of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to succeed Prof. Selig Brodetsky.

Prof. Brodetsky was recently named president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

UAHC Action A Setback For Social Justice

THE action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in dropping altogether any allocation to its year-old Commission on Social Action, which it organized jointly with the Central conference of American Rabbis, unquestionably was dictated by the need for economy. It should not be interpreted as in any way aimed at opposition to extension of religious principles into the business world.

But that does not mean that the action is not a setback for Reform and for social justice.

The Reform wing of Judaism worked for years to bring about an understanding and acceptance of the position that religion was almost valueless unless it entered into the arena of practical everyday problems, unless it took a stand on specific questions involving politics or money matters. Now that it has won this acceptance, even to the point that Conservative Judaism has followed in its footsteps in this direction, Reform Judaism is now taking a step backward.

The Commission on Justice and Peace of the CCAR has for years been one of that rabbinical body's most important committees. But its influence was circumscribed by the fact that it was a rabbinical body, that it was without formal support from the lay leadership in Reform, the business representatives who were in a position to implement its action.

As the answer to these problems, the Joint Commission of the CCAR and the UAHC was finally formed last year after years of planning.

It started life with \$10,000 from each of its constituent bodies, but that amount was cut to \$5,000 from each before the first year was ended. Now the UAHC has stopped its allocations to the Joint Commission altogether for reasons of economy.

The Post deplors the necessity for this action. It is to be hoped that someone reading this editorial will take it upon himself to see to it that the necessary funds are forthcoming. The amount involved is not large and the work is important.

The CCAR convention at Bretton Woods passed a resolution on race relations which described the treatment of the Negro in the United States in almost lyrical language. Those who believe that Judaism is nothing if it does not translate its beliefs into action should be concerned that funds for working toward that goal should not be cut off. Throughout the religious world today, the emphasis is in the direction of extending, not curtailing, activities in the social action field.

The following paragraphs from the resolution on race relations describe clearly what the Commission on Justice and Peace of the CCAR

feels is its area of operation and reason for being:

"There can be no gainsaying the truth that we, as the spiritual inheritors of the Jewish tradition with its prophetic zeal for the achieving of equality for all men and its burning desire to see justice and mercy rule triumphant in their hearts, must place ourselves firmly at the side of those whose energies are devoted and whose lives are dedicated to the fulfillment of the democratic ideals upon which our nation was founded.

"We cannot but feel profound shock and deep shame that so great a chasm lies between the ideals of American democracy and the realities of American life. While there has been a noticeable amelioration in the lot of the Negro during the past few years, an examination of the facts will convince us that life in America for its minority groups, and particularly for those who are separated from the majority by differences of color, is yet a cry from the 'liberty and justice for all' which its citizens so glibly set as the country's slogan and its goal.

"Thus, even though the number of actual lynchings has decreased, intimidation of the Negro, particularly in the South, has taken place with startling frequency. The Southern Regional Council has just published a brochure listing scores of cases in which Klan inspired threats have deprived our Negro citizens of their right to safety and security of person. Despite repeated Supreme Court rulings declaring unconstitutional all legislation which seeks to deprive the Negro of his right to vote, political leaders of some of our Southern states persist in forcing the passage of legislation openly dedicated to the disenfranchisement of this group of our citizens. The right to citizenship and its privileges is still denied a large number of our citizens solely on the basis of their color and race. Although the Constitution of the United States guarantees equal opportunities for education to all, and despite the fact that even our Southern States declare the right of the Negro to 'separate and equal' educational facilities, it is a well-known fact that the opportunities afforded Negroes so far as education is concerned are far fewer and even more substandard than those afforded the white citizens of those states. Nor are these manifestations of a 'second class citizenship' limited to that part of our country which lies below the Mason-Dixon Line. Vast differences exist between the opportunities afforded whites and Negroes in every section of our land in such areas as housing, health and recreational facilities, and the right to work."

Reform and Conservative Concern Over Orthodoxy In Israel

THE interest of both Reform and Conservatism in religious freedom in Israel is natural and—although The Post cannot get as exercised about it as the U. S. Conservative and Reform rabbis did at their conventions—we still do not take the position some seem to hold, that Israel has enough problems of its own currently with the Arabs without new ones being added by Jews.

A good case can be made out against the stand of Orthodoxy's refusal in Israel to recognize marriages performed by Reform rabbis, and most definitely, The Post is opposed to the creation of a theocratic state.

Protests by Reform and Conservative wings of U. S. Judaism is entirely legitimate. If a liberal rabbi is sincere, then he has no alternative but to protest when he believes that freedom of religion is being curtailed in Israel.

The Post has stated its position in more than one editorial. Orthodoxy in Israel has a remarkable opportunity at this moment, a remarkable opportunity and a tremendous obligation to itself and the future of Judaism in

the world.

If Orthodoxy can find a modus vivendi for bringing orderly growth (change) in Judaism, as halacha (oral law) clearly permits, and can make Judaism a living organism in the everyday world, filling the need of Jews for spiritual content in their lives, then it will set the Jewish group back on the path of theological development and perhaps lead to the discovery of new and greater religious concepts.

The Post is inclined toward the position that Orthodox leadership in Israel, aided by advice from Orthodox leadership in the United States, will not lose the opportunity history has given it. The Post believes that religious leaders in Israel, forced now to make their religion a part of daily living of a thriving people, will find the way to bring about what everyone wants, whether they are Reform, Conservative or Orthodox Jews—and that is to make Judaism a vital and living thing, filling the lives of Jews everywhere with enthusiasm for the spiritual, and leading in the development of a world in which justice and righteousness prevail.

Jewish Butcher Shops Are Public Utilities

THE remarkable thing about the fight between the Detroit Kosher butchers and the Jewish Community Council of that city is that the butchers have been adamant and have refused to do any housecleaning on their own.

Providing Kosher meat is not like operating a clothing store. A Kosher butcher shop has the same relation to the Jewish community that a gas or water company has to the community as a whole. It is a public utility for Jews and as such it is a public trust and consequently has a responsibility to the Jewish community.

But the defiance of the Detroit Kosher butch-

ers is an attempt to declare that the Community Council has no jurisdiction in this area.

The situation is not peculiar to Detroit. In almost every Jewish community, the same fight is going on, although perhaps not in the same advanced stage.

There is no reason why, if the Detroit Community Council wins its fight, Jewish butchers in every community should not concede they are public utilities and that, as such, the organized Jewish community has a responsibility, a right and an obligation to see that they operate for the welfare of the community.

Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

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Why Don't Rabbis Join Religious Zionist Groups In New Affiliations?

• Editor, Jewish National Post

Perhaps some of my worthy rabbinic colleagues can enlighten me with regard to a most disturbing question that has plagued my mind and defied my reasoning powers.

Time after time we read of one prominent rabbi or another joining the Labor Zionist Organization of America. In a recent issue of NJP, we read of the esteemed Rabbi Solomon Goldman taking such a step, and of a Rabbi Samuel Wohl who is attempting to "mobilize" intellectual and professional leaders in a National Assembly for Labor Israel.

Now I can readily understand the desire of progressive minded rabbis to identify themselves with a program of economic progressivism. I, for one, subscribe to such a program. But, in taking cognizance of the simple fact that there exist in the arena of Labor Zionist affiliations TWO major groups with progressive economic and labor ideologies, with the sole and ONLY difference being that one is a RELIGIOUS Labor group and the other passively non-religious at best and anti-religious at worst—I cannot for the life of me understand how on earth a rabbi can conceivably align himself with the group that has NO religious program in preference to the one that has such a program.

Is there not something inconsistent which calls for an explanation to the much-confused mind of the American Jew when a Conservative rabbi of great stature such as Rabbi Goldman, who has admirably fought his way through to a maximum educational program in his own synagogue to the point where he has a highly successful all-day Jewish school, will publicly announce his valuable support to a group whose colonies in Israel DO NOT give a religious education to their children? You will have to travel far and wide to find a colony in Israel affiliated with the secular Labor Zionist groups, which celebrates a Bar Mitzvah as a religious ceremony with a blessing before the scrolls of Torah. Are THESE the Israeli hunting grounds for rabbis fighting for maximum religious education?

It is not my purpose here to criticize Labor Zionists. Their list of accomplishments for Zionism in recent years is impressive and real, their leaders and membership have shown magnificent devotion to the cause of Zion, and they most certainly deserve much credit. Much as I lament their religious record and see in that record and viewpoint a menace to the character of Israel, I must nevertheless grant their right to hold what views they will. But spiritual leaders!—the *raison d'être* of whose position it is to disseminate religious teachings, must certainly strain the concepts of the average Jew when they align themselves with a program that would build Israel along strictly secularistic lines. (And PLEASE, have mercy, do not tell me of Ha-Oved Hadati, religious group, of Histadrut whose "influence" was demonstrated at the recent Histadrut Convention in Israel, where they failed miserably in their attempt to obtain the courtesy of no smoking during the Shabbat sessions and where they were the butt of shouts in the hall to

the effect that if they didn't like it they could leave).

J'accuse—I openly accuse American Jews of having been guilty of gross and unfair discrimination against religious pioneers in Israel and against religious immigrants who might have sought merely the RIGHT and OPPORTUNITY to observe the Jewish religion in their own sacred Jewish homeland.

Deliberately? No! Unwittingly? Yes!

When American Jews support in liberal measure the SECULARIST Labor Zionist elements and fail to support the RELIGIOUS Labor Zionist elements, they are guilty—even if NOT deliberately, but guilty nevertheless—of discrimination against fellow Jews strictly on religious grounds—and this is hardly an enviable position for rabbis to find themselves in. For, translated in concrete terms, this means that when the Jewish Agency makes available funds for building houses to those institutions which can match a certain percentage, and the Labor Zionist institutions have the funds to take advantage of this situation and Hapoel Hamizrachi institutions do not, then, in effect, the religious laborer who needs a house and cannot get it (and knows he COULD get it were he to belong to the more affluent non-religious labor groups) has a legitimate right to feel he is being discriminated against by American Jews because he is religious.

When large numbers of tragedy-stricken Jewish children of religious backgrounds came to Israel (then Palestine) and many of them could not be absorbed by Hapoel Hamizrachi Youth Institutions because of all too limited finances, thus forcing them into Youth Institutions where they got NO religious education, NO Traditional Bar Mitzvah, NO kosher food, then those who support the one labor group and not the other might well wrestle with the haunting spectre of these martyred parents "turning over in their graves" because of what is being done to their children on the basis of a financial situation for which we are responsible.

Why, pray tell me, Colleagues, should not ALL rabbis of America who subscribe to a progressive economic program of justice to labor, not join hands under the banner of the League for Religious Labor in Israel (whose American office is at 38 Park Row, New York) and support Hapoel Hamizrachi colonies and the religious laborer in Israel?

Should the orphans of the by now most famous and legendary colony of Israel, Kfar Etzion, where a houseless delaying-action battle was fought for months against the Transjordan Army to the last man, to enable the Jews of Jerusalem in the meantime to fortify their defenses—should the orphans of these martyrs, I ask, be penalized and made to suffer greater measures of privation than they might otherwise, simply because their parents were religious? Is this justice? Is this the way of rabbis? Is this the way of Jews generally?

Are Berot Yitchak, Kfar Darom and Saad, which resisted the Egyptian army in the Negev

for months in almost incredible fashion before finally routing them, and which are now in a state of shambles and complete economic ruination, to be denied your support for the sole and solitary reason that they eat kosher food? Are these colonies (or dozens like them) to be denied the large electric power generator and other machinery and housing they now need to get out from underground (that some rabbi's recommendation could help them get) simply because they happen to observe the Shabbat?

The preamble to the Constitution of the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) includes the following:

"... to assert and establish loyalty to the Torah."

"... to further the observance of the Sabbath and the Dietary Laws."

"To foster Jewish religious life in the home, as expressed in traditional observances."

"... to encourage the establishment of Jewish religious schools."

Ought Conservative rabbis in America, then, belong to labor groups which advocate and practice NONE of these in a Jewish homeland—or ought they belong to a RELIGIOUS LABOR group which advocates and practices ALL of these?

It was Conservative Judaism's own Dr. Robert Gordis who once said: "Jewish Nationalism and religion are the body and soul of a living organism. Jewish nationalism without religion is in danger of becoming a Golem, destructive and brutal, as is all too evident in Fascist nationalism."

And recall, if you will, that it was none other than Conservative Judaism's path-pointer, Solomon Schechter, who said: "I belong to that class of Zionists that lays more stress on the religious-national aspects of Zionism than on any other feature peculiar to it."

Does all this mean nothing?

And even reform rabbis who have been supporting Labor Zionism but not RELIGIOUS Labor Zionism might well recall certain sections from their "Guiding principles of Reform Judaism" of 1937 which replaced the original Pittsburgh platform. I refer, for example, to such statements as the following:

"The Torah, both written and oral, enshrines Israel's ever-growing consciousness of G-d and of the moral law. As a depository of permanent spiritual ideals, the Torah remains the dynamic source of the life of Israel."

"We affirm the obligation of all Jewry to aid in the upbuilding of a Jewish homeland by endeavoring to make it not only a haven of refuge for the oppressed but also a center of Jewish spiritual life."

"The perpetuation of Judaism as a living force depends upon religious knowledge..."

"Judaism as a way of life requires... the preservation of the Sabbath, festivals and Holy Days..."

Are reform rabbis, then, as well as reform Jews generally, acting in consonance with these officially declared principles when they do not support Religious Labor colonies which alone perpetuate what they themselves call the "dynamic source of the life of Israel."

While I have taken much val-

ZOA WOULD SINK ITSELF IF IT TRIED TO BRING RELIGION TO ISRAEL, HE SAYS

• Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the June 10 National Jewish Post Rabbi Samuel Horowitz of Seattle suggests that with the old aim of the Zionist Organization of America, statehood for and in Israel, having been reached, the ZOA should set itself a new goal, lest it lose the interest of its members.

Rabbi Horowitz proposes that after the political hopes of the ZOA have been fulfilled, the organization turn to a cultural endeavor for and in Israel. Aware of the religious situation in Israel, which incidentally differs little from ours here, Rabbi Horowitz wants the ZOA to adopt and push a plan to help our brethren in Israel toward a better ordered and more meaningful religious life. He believes that Reconstructionism would be the solution and calls on the ZOA to make itself the spokesman and champion of this movement in Israel.

Without going into a discussion on Reconstructionism, I am sure that Rabbi Horowitz after more thought will admit his suggestion can only disrupt the ZOA. The

able NJP space, I feel that the views of Religious Zionists will be afforded by the Post at least the same courtesies as offered to American Council for Judaism. The Post being a paper which honestly strives to serve as an effective journalistic medium for clarification of views and channelization of thought streams, I seek from my colleagues either an answer to my queries or a mass response for a Rabbinic movement to build a strong American League for Religious Labor in support of Hapoel Hamizrachi colonies and builders of Israel.

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He Agrees With The Israeli Youth

• Editor, National Jewish Post:

In your issue of May 20, Eugene Friedberg objects to the statement of Robert Gamzey on behalf of the youth of Israel who claim that since the Jewish State is established, religion is not a necessity to identify them as Jews.

Doesn't Mr. Friedberg realize that there is a difference between Jews who live outside of Israel and those who live in Israel? The one who lives in other countries with full citizenship rights is identified as a Jew only by his religion, if he gives up his religion, he is no more Jew, whereas those who live in Israel are Jews even if they are not religious as they are Jews by nationality.

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Jews In Sports

DUROCHER CHARGES HATE SLURS ON SID GORDON BY OTHER TEAMS

By HASKELL COHEN

The National League is agog over the accusation made by Manager Leo Durocher of the N.Y. Giants against the St. Louis Cardinals. Leo the Lip doesn't like the racial epithets the boys are tossing at his favorite, Sid Gordon. A rhubarb threatened on the recent eastern swing made by the Cards when Gerry Staley, their young hurler, flattened Sid with a couple of bad pitches. Durocher protested to Umpire Bill Stewart and then blew off steam to the effect that the westerners have been calling Gordon naughty names all year.

Manager Eddie Dyer of the Cards swears his boys are not using racial cuss words on Gordon and in fact goes out of his way to say that he wished he could have nine guys like Gordon on his team even if it seemed like tampering with players. Gordon is quiet on the subject since he is a tough cookie who can take care of himself with his dukes. It is no secret he has contended with this sort of pressure before although he never said a word about it to anyone. Only recently he confided to a mutual friend that one player, now out of the league, was very vicious in this respect.

It looks as though Jake Mintz, the Pittsburgh Malaprop Kid who manages Ezzard Charles, has gone out of his way to antagonize the gentlemen of the press. Boys who covered the Charles fight camp prior to the Walcott fight came away disgusted with Mintz' antics. Columnist Jimmy Cannon really laid it on thick when he wrote, "The fraudulent claims of Jake Mintz, the obnoxiously windy spokesman for those who live off Charles—it was

Mintz' shrieking lie—such an incident caused the little faker whose managerial ability parallels his fighter's skill to inform newspapermen that he was going to hide his pug from the world." If Jake ever had a libel suit here was a pip for the asking.

Little Arthur Morse was in New York this week attending the Basketball Association of America meetings and as usual regaled his listeners with numerous humorous stories. A group of writers and coaches were talking it up in Eddit Gottlieb's hotel room and Art had the floor but only for a second.

He started to tell a story when several of the boys turned away from him and started a conversation of their own. It wasn't intentional, merely a natural thing when many people try to talk at the same time. Morse, noting that he lost his audience walked to the corner of the suite and in a loud voice went into a monologue concerning a player he owned. The gang, congregated on the far side of the room, looked up to watch Morse who was going through his spiel with antics and gestures. He was so funny that in a minute most of the fellows were doubled over from laughter.

While in the big town Morse tried to sign City College for an early December basketball game with Northwestern for the Chicago Stadium. Sam Winograd, City athletic director, is in favor of the contest and will sign for the fray if Coach Nat Holman can be prevailed upon to make the trip to Chicago.

BAA circles are wondering whom Morse will secure to replace Coach Olson as mentor for the Chicago Stags in the pro loop. Insiders claim that Phil Brownstein, clever assistant these past three years, will move up to the head coaching spot with Saul Farber coming in as assistant to Phil. Brownie, a member of the Windy City school system, will take a leave of absence for a year to try the job as head man of the Stags.

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Hayim Greenberg Urges U. S. Labor Zionism To Fight Threat of Too-Powerful Israeli Army

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Military forces in Israel show a tendency to have more power than they should in a democratic state, Hayim Greenberg, Labor Zionist member of the Jewish Agency executive, said last week.

Greenberg suggested that a task for labor Zionism might be that of seeking to prevent the Israeli army from becoming too powerful. He spoke to a group of 500 U. S. Jewish professional and cultural leaders meeting in the first National Assembly for Labor Israel.

Greenberg, who recently returned from Israel, told the assembly that the Israeli army, though smaller than a year ago, was far more strongly equipped. He said its actions indicated "a dangerous symbol with respect to civil liberties."

He urged labor vigilance to keep the military in Israel from playing a role "which is not within its province."

As examples, he cited the recent cases of military censorship, which he said was necessary in time of war "but military censorship should deal only with those items relevant to

the security of the state. Liberal circles must be alerted against this danger.

The Assembly, attended largely by an intellectual Jewish elite previously not identified closely with the Zionist struggle, adopted a declaration calling for maintenance of close cultural ties between U. S. and Israel Jews so that each section of the Jewish people could gain from the developments of other sections.

The declaration said that the goal of bringing to Israel all homeless Jews was a responsibility of the entire Jewish people.

The assembly paid tribute to the social gains in Israel and declared that "the importance of Labor Zionism in determining the social and economic character of Israel is outstanding."

The National Assembly was sponsored by a group of outstanding Jewish leaders, mainly members of the Labor Zionist Organization of America. It was aimed at winning support of outstanding non-Zionist Jewish professional and cultural leaders for the Mapai, dominant labor party in Israel, and for Labor Zionist efforts in the United States.

Israel Smashes Own

Moslem Brotherhood

TEL AVIV, — (JTA) — Five hundred of the 900 Arabs arrested this week by Israeli authorities in a drive to smash a suspected Moslem Brotherhood underground movement in Nazareth have been released, it was reported this week. The other 300 have been screened and leaders of the suspected underground movement will be tried under military law.

Israel Vet Aid Plan

Seen Top ZOA Project

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—President Daniel Frisch's plan for building a Zionist House in Tel Aviv has met an enthusiastic reception in Israel, Jacques Torczyner, a vice chairman of the national administration council of the Zionist Organization of America, said this week.

Torczyner, who returned last week from a three-week visit to Israel, said that Frisch was trying to get a "charter" from the Israeli Government which would give his ZOA exclusive authority for Israeli veteran rehabilitation work.

Torczyner hinted that, if the charter could be obtained, this work would become the ZOA's major project.

Other U.S. Zionist groups are opposed to such an arrangement between the ZOA and the Israeli Government on several grounds, Torczyner reported. He was accompanied on his trip by Joseph Greenleaf, another top ZOA official.

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Mapam May Drop Pro-Soviet Stand

Red Persecution of Zionists May Reverse Israeli Politics

TEL AVIV, Israel—The stiff sentences meted out to six Zionist leaders and one non-Jew by the Communist-dominated Hungarian Government may lead to a realignment of the entire political scene in Israel, it appeared this week.

The possibility lay in the open protest against the sentences by the Mapam, the left-wing pro-Russian party, the second largest in Israel.

The official newspaper of Mapam had previously condemned the Budapest trials and the arrest of the Zionists in Rumania, another Communist-ruled satellite, as unjustified moves.

World News Service reported from here that there is belief that the continued persecution of Zionists by the Russian satellites may lead Mapam to reconsider its pro-Soviet and anti-Western stand.

Such a reorientation would make it possible for the Mapam to enter the Israeli Cabinet as part of the present Coalition.

Wide Changes Seen

Observers here were speculating on what changes might ensue if the David Ben-Gurion government were freed of its dependence on the Religious Bloc if that happened.

Powerful elements in Mapai are known to be unsympathetic to the desire of the Religious Bloc to seek a "Torah" state but have remained silent for fear of losing Mapai control of the Government.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharshar sharply criticized the sentencing of the defendants, who were convicted of aiding "illegal" immigration of Israel-bound Jews from Hungary.

Sharett Hits Reds

Treading delicately on the Israeli tightrope of East West neutrality, Sharett said that Israel cannot interfere in the internal affairs of another sovereign state, but he added that any obstruction to the migration of Jews was a contravention of their right of self-determination.

Sharett told Parliament, ac-

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that he was "shocked" by the statement of the Hungarian court that the migration constituted help to "Anglo-American imperialism."

The JTA also reported that the sentencing shocked Hungarian Jews, as well. Refugees arriving in Vienna said that Hungarian Jews had received the sentences with bitterness and skepticism about the justice of the trials.

Wasn't Even In It

Jewish sources in Vienna said that Bela Denes, one of the chief defendants, had taken no active part in the leadership of the Hungarian Zionist movement for the past six months because of illness.

The same sources reported that he had been scheduled to leave Hungary with a valid passport, the JTA said, and that he took no part in the organization of migration of Jews from Hungary.

A plea to the Hungarian Government to mitigate the prison sentences was made in London by the Agudas Israel, Orthodox organization, the JTA reported.

H. A. Goodman, political secretary, made the plea to G. Puly, Hungarian charge d'affaires in London, who said he would forward the plea to his government.

Zionist Pioneer Dies In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — (NJP) — Benjamin F. Miller, who worked with the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise in 1900 in the infant days of American Zionism, died here this week in his home at the age of 75.

SILVER NAMED

NEW YORK — (WNS) — Dr. Henry Selver, a leading educator and social welfare worker in both Europe and the United States, has been appointed the first rector of the Paul Baerwald School of Social orWk. now being organized in Paris by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here.

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Baby Sitters Help Parents Attend Services At St. Louis Temple

By EVELYNE TOTARSKY

National Jewish Post Correspondent
ST. LOUIS—(NJP)—Baby sitters are making a significant contribution in St. Louis to a more vigorous Judaism.

Many a young couple has sorrowfully discarded plans for attendance at Sabbath services because they could find no one to sit with the baby but not at B'nai El Temple here or the past seven or eight years.

The Temple employs trained personnel capable of handling pre-school aged children for parents attending High Holy Day services. The children are kept in two adjoining rooms in the kindergarten. The baby sitters amuse the children with games, stories, handicrafts and similar diversions.

The Temple is not equipped to handle infants but welcomes toddlers from two and a half to three years and up to seven years of age.

The biggest group is handled on Yom Kippur eve, when Temple members attend en masse. About 50 children were cared for last Yom Kippur Eve by two attendants, women active in the non-Jewish community in Girl Scout and similar work.

Mrs. Julian Miller, wife of the Temple's spiritual leader, said that the system had been employed for a short time two years ago for Sisterhood meetings but was discontinued because not enough members brought their children.

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, set out to do something about the situation in February last year.

Form letters were sent to all members of Self-Aid, a group of German-Jewish immigrants, asking if they would help as baby sitters for a nominal fee. About 20 Self-Aid members registered. Michael Fadem, Temple secretary, said that as an added precaution, a letter was sent to the chief supervisor of the

Jewish Family Service Agency asking for medical reports on each registered sitter.

Rabbi Isserman said that Temple members also wanted sitters for other purposes besides Temple affairs. However, the project was not followed through because of complications. He said that the project will be revived next year after certain problems have been ironed out.

A United Hebrew Temple spokesman said that the Temple had no baby-sitting plans.

The fourth of the city's Reform Temples, Shaare Emeth, found that baby-sitting is distasteful to teen-agers. This fact was disclosed by a questionnaire given to members of the Temple's Youth group.

Mrs. Birdie Furstenberg, Religious School secretary, said that the group was asked to fill out questionnaires on what the members would like to do to earn pin money. She said that so few were willing to baby sit that the project was not even considered.

Revisionists Try Mail Solicitation In Hartford Using Bergsonite Stunt of Enclosing Dollar Bills

National Jewish Post

HARTFORD, Conn.—A mail solicitation of funds, using the Bergsonite technique of enclosing a dollar bill in each solicitation letter, brought a warning to Hartford Jews this week that the organization involved was connected with the Revisionist (right wing) Zionists in Israel and was duplicating the work of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Bergsonites used the stunt several times in bids to raise funds in 1947 and 1948 for the since-dissolved terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Disclosure that the same methods were being tried again was made by the Jewish Welfare Federation of Hartford in a front page statement in the Jewish LEDGER of that city.

An organization calling itself "American Committee for Child Care Centers in Israel" did the mailing. Hartford Jewry, in an unusual display of skepticism, began calling the office of the Federation when they received the letters and the dollar bills.

"This organization has its roots in the Revisionist party in Israel," the Federation said.

"The work of the organization duplicates the Youth Aliyah program of Hadassah and the program of the United Jewish Appeal."

The statement said that the Hartford Federation, through the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New York, notified the Jewish Agency of the mailing and asked for a ruling from the Jewish Agency "as to whether this organization has a valid claim for fund raising in America."

The Jewish Agency set up a committee in May to battle independent fund raising campaigns during the United Jewish Appeal drive. It was presumed that the Hartford problem was turned over to that committee, which recently forced the Agudas Israel, ultra-Orthodox group turned pro-Zionist, to cancel a projected drive for \$2,000,000 in New York City. (NJP June 24).

The CJFWF, which represents the local federations and welfare funds as a coordinating national organization, also set up a committee under Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, which is working with the Jewish Agency committee.

Reconstructionist Warns Issue Must Be Faced

Rabbi Herzog Urged to Battle Religious Fanatics In Israel

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Dr. Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, was urged this week "to clean up the mess" of physical violence practiced by a group of Orthodox fanatics in Jerusalem seeking to enforce strict observance of Biblical law on other Israeli Jews.

In its lead editorial, the current RECONSTRUCTIONIST called the Netura Karta (Guardians of the City) a group of "Orthodox Jewish fanatics who have taken upon themselves the role of vigilantes."

The editorial said that the group "constituted a danger to the state, the Jewish people and the cause of religion and of peace, far in excess of the immediate affect of their violence," and it charged that "neither the Government nor the religious leadership has so far grasped the nettle of religious violence firmly in order to uproot it."

The reason, the editorial said, was that it involved the current struggle by the Orthodox bloc in Israel to extend control over the Jewish State.

"The Mizrahi (religious Zionists) and the Agudas Israel (a strongly Orthodox group) may disavow the violent acts of the Neture Karta, but they do not disavow the religious doctrine which motivates those acts," the periodical declared.

Boys Will Be Boys

The religious leaders treat such acts as throwing of stench bombs into cafes open on Saturday and stoning of volunteer firemen for putting out a fire on the Sabbath despite the fact that the fire was in a synagogue as examples of activities of "men of sound principles though perhaps too reckless in their meth-

ods," the editorial said.

"The secular authorities, on their part, are anxious to avoid an open break with the Religious Bloc for fear that bloc might resign from the Government coalition, thus endangering the entire foreign policy on which the precarious security of the state has been built."

Noting the lineup of Israel's enemies, the editorial said that under such circumstances, "the state cannot afford to have its authority challenged by a handful of religious barbarians. It cannot allow private individuals or organizations to enforce their particular modes after the manner of the Ku Klux Klan."

The most certain way to deal with the problems was for the religious leadership of Israel to act, the editorial said.

Bitterly Disappointed

"So far we have been bitterly disappointed by Dr. Herzog's failure to denounce the perpetrators of violence and to commend to the religious community the application of religious and social sanctions to discipline them."

The editorial said that Dr. Herzog's religious leadership faced a severe test.

"If he contents himself with merely trying to clean his own skirts and does not do anything positive and constructive to clean up the mess, although it lies, as it were, on his doorstep, he will inevitably share some of the opprobrium that justly clings

to the Neture Karta.

"But if he rises to his responsibilities, he can become one of the greatest spiritual leaders of his people. He must choose between the role of an ecclesiastical politician and that of a true religious teacher and leader."

CJFWF Region Urges Control Over Funds

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—The west central region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds this week reaffirmed the right of local communities to have a voice in policies of national Jewish organizations.

"We must continually seek some partnership agreement with the national agencies which we are financing through our drives," Irving Rhodes of Milwaukee, regional president, said at the executive committee meeting.

Dates for a regional conference were set for Sept. 17-18 in St. Paul.

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Palestine Peace Permanent—Bunche

CHICAGO—(NJP)—Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations mediator on Palestine, asserted flatly this week that "there is no longer any prospect of future war in Palestine."

He said the outlook for an agreement between Israel and Syria was "very encouraging." Syria is the only one of the Arab states which invaded Palestine which has not yet reached a formal armistice with Israel.

He predicted that "intelligent leadership" in Israel would solve the heavy burden of problems facing the Israeli.

Two thousand tons of cocoa beans are also to be sent to Israel in 1949, according to a decision taken at Brussels by the international committee for cocoa bean distribution. Of this quantity, 1,250 tons are to come from British West Africa, 250 from Latin America, 200 from Brazil and 150 from British West India and Ceylon.

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PHILADELPHIA CONGRESS UNIT OUSTS RED GROUP MEMBERS

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—The two representatives of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the American Jewish Labor Council were ousted from the board of directors of the local chapter of the American Jewish Congress this week after making personal appeals to the board.

The action of the local Congress followed the pattern set by the national organization when it voted to expel the two Communist-dominated groups.

Sol Rotenberg, executive director of the local JPFO, and Israel Freedman, secretary-treasurer of the AJLC here, appeared before the board.

Rotenberg said his selection to the Congress board had not been based solely on his JPFO connection but he was ousted by a 23 to seven vote.

Mrs. Mollie Caesar, a board member, offered a motion to ask the national Congress board to reconsider the expulsion action. That motion was beaten 22 to seven.

The coming of summer will not stay the immigration tide to Israel, as indicated by the Jewish Agency reports that 13 new transit camps, with a total capacity of 27,000 will be opened in June and July.

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Israeli Newspapers Hit Rejection of Request By Convert Koussevitsky To Conduct In Tel Aviv

Jewish World News Service

NEW YORK—A section of the Israeli press has criticized the decision of the Israeli Government to reject an offer from Serge Koussevitsky to conduct the Tel Aviv Orchestra because the famous conductor is a convert to Christianity, it was revealed this week.

According to a report in the Jewish Morning JOURNAL, Orthodox Yiddish daily, several newspapers in Israel asked a reversal of the decision on the grounds that religion is a private affair and no civilized state should interfere in such matters of personal conduct.

The famous conductor of the Boston Symphony has told friends "he feels like a Jew" and would like to conduct the orchestra in Israel.

According to the dispatch, Koussevitsky, de-

spite his conversion, has been active in behalf of Zionist causes for many years and gave many free concerts for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Last year he brought the entire Boston orchestra to New York to honor President Weizmann and helped to raise \$200,000 for the Institute.

According to the report, one Israeli newspaper asked why the man wasn't good enough for Israel, if his money and services were.

The JOURNAL report also disclosed that friends and admirers of the famed musician are still trying to persuade the Israel Government to change its decision.

Showdown May Come At Conclave Rabbinical Assembly Votes Delay In Special Meet for Law Changes

National Jewish Post

CONCORD HOTEL, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y.—The long-deferred showdown on the issue of Jewish law changes for the huge Conservative movement may come at a special meeting voted at the Rabbinical Assembly convention, it was reliably reported this week.

The Rabbinical Assembly, at its 49th convention here, voted to accept a compromise proposal, calling for the special meeting.

The resolution stipulated that the meeting be held within a year, and in December if possible.

The special gathering will study the issues of a clear-cut philosophy for Conservative Judaism, the relationship of its various bodies and the issue of changing Jewish law.

Though the meeting is to be called by the Rabbinical Assembly alone, and not as a three-way affair also involving the Jewish Theological Seminary and the United Synagogue of America as originally reported, the resolution opened the way for participation of JTS representatives in discussion of the vital issues.

Will Widen Committee

The resolution included a stipulation that the Rabbinical Assembly's law committee, headed by Rabbi Morris Adler of Shaarey Zedek Congregation of Detroit, is to be enlarged to include representatives of the JTS faculty who are members of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Included in the debate over Jewish law changes are such matters as whether the U. S. Conservative Rabbinate should formally approve such changes as allowing women to be called to Torah, riding to services on Saturday and similar adjustments.

The issues have been the center of a continuous struggle between those rabbis who demand that the Conservative movement frankly recognize the gap between tradition and practice in Jewish religious rituals and develop a philosophy to fill that gap; and those who oppose change. The JTS represents the latter element.

The report of the Adler committee was submitted at the convention, but in accordance with the agreement, it was simply referred to the forthcoming

special meeting for action.

There was no opposition on the floor to the postponement agreement, which marked the first time that JTS representatives indicated a desire to participate in any discussions of proposed changes.

Time For Action

The Post was informed that those Conservative rabbis who want a clear-cut philosophy and

adjustment of Jewish law to modern conditions hope to make the special meeting a final battleground.

An arrangements committee will meet through the summer to prepare the agenda for the special meeting.

It was learned that only two sub-committees have been named so far on the law committee, one on the Sabbath and the other on Synagogue Ritual.

Other sub-committees scheduled to be named include groups on marriage, divorce, dietary law, proselytization, home observances and mourning.

It was also learned that Dr. Michael Higger, a member of the JTS faculty, has been employed as a full-time representative for the Adler committee.

RED JEWISH GROUPS BLAMED FOR PERSECUTION OF ZIONISTS

LONDON—An official of the Agudas Israel, ultra-Orthodox group recently turned pro-Zionist, charged this week that the Hungarian Government took no action against Hungarian Zionists until intervention by the Communist-controlled "Jewish Democratic Committee" of that Soviet satellite, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The charge was made by H. L. Goodman, Agudas political secretary, who bitterly castigated such committees, made up of Jewish Communists.

He said the main danger to the Jewish communities in the satellite states was in the imposition of unrepresentative leaders on their organizations. He said the leaders, rather than the governments directly, threaten Jewish existence behind the Iron Curtain.

Goodman said there was no danger now of physical violence against Jews but he said action was needed to secure the right of Jews to emigrate if they wished to do so.

He said little could be accomplished in the case of Rumania, which has practically no links with the West. He said the situation was different with regard to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Hungarian Mizrachi Acquitted In Trials

BUDAPEST, — (JTA)—Jenoe Fraenkl, Mizrachi leader charged with aiding illegal Jewish emigration from Hungary to Israel, was acquitted this week by a Budapest Jewish court. Fraenkl was the only one of ten defendants charged with the same crime who was not tried last Saturday when six Zionist leaders and one non-Jew were convicted.

The prosecutor has already appealed the court's decision in the Fraenkl case. Fraenkl pleaded not guilty and told the court that he had no knowledge of the plans to migrate because the youth arranged these matters by themselves, having "no confidence in their elders."

Mizrachi Hint Support of Silver On Autonomy At Next Congress

National Jewish Post

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—A hint that the Mizrachi (religious) Zionist Organization of America may support the position of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in his fight against the Jewish Agency was offered this week at the 29th annual convention of the religious Zionists.

The suggestion came from Dr. Bernard Bergman of New York, editor of the Jewish Morning JOURNAL.

He said further study was needed on the question of whether the World Zionist Organization should be decentralized to place more authority in the hands of the territorial federations, the Zionist organizations in each country.

Dr. Silver broke with the Jewish Agency on that issue, which he claimed GELMAN was involved in the losing fight the ZOA waged last March to retain control of the United Palestine Appeal.

The Jewish Agency, meeting in New York in an extraordinary plenary session last January and February, voted against the ZOA. Dr. Silver then and later charged that the Jewish Agency had intervened in an internal problem of the ZOA and said he would continue his fight at the next meeting of the World Zionist Congress on the issue of autonomy.

Into Investment

The religious Zionists moved into the field of raising funds for investment to aid small business in Israel.

The American Eretz Israel Corp., announced launching of a campaign to raise \$500,000 for that purpose.

An appeal to American Jews to recognize the Chief Rabbinate of Israel as the supreme authority in Jewish religious life was made by Dr. Jacob Hoffman of New York City, president of the Mizrachi National Education Committee.

Suggestions that the Hebrew University might serve as the spiritual center of the Jewish people were rapped by Dr. Leon Gellman, who was reelected president. He called the idea a "delusion."

He said that American Jews must give "unstinting support" to every Torah center and religious institution in Israel.

No Secular State

He said that the U. S. Mizrachi movement and the Religious Bloc in Israel would never permit the Jewish State to become "just another secular state with, perhaps, a Marxist-Leninist bible and materialist commentaries."

The 1,200 delegates unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the reorganization of the world Mizrachi movement to win

"greater unity and solidarity within the forces of religious Jewry the world over and harmonious actions for the strengthening of religious life in the state of Israel."

Feinberg Rejects Top ZOA Position

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Abraham Feinberg, a leading member of the now-dissolved Committee for Progressive Zionism, has rejected a position on the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, to which he was elected at the convention last May, it was reported here this week.

Feinberg, who was chairman of the board of Americans for Haganah and a member of the executive of the also-dissolved Committee of Contributors, was elected in accordance with the peace pact which brought a coalition slate at the last ZOA convention.

The CPZ and the COC joined in a loose alliance last winter in the fight to oust the ZOA from control of the United Palestine Appeal, a fight partly aimed at the recent ZOA leadership of Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Feinberg was replaced by Joseph Halpert of Atlantic City, who also was a member of the CPZ.

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